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Susan Hedman U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 77 W Jackson Blvd Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Dr. Hedman,

Thank you for your September 21, 2012 letter regarding the Marquette County Road Commission's permit application to construct County Road 595.

I appreciate the agency's commitment to doing a thorough review of the public comments. However, I urge the EPA to provide a definitive timeline of when these reviews will be completed and decisions made so that the Road Commission can prepare for the 2013 construction season. Funding for County Road 595 will be lost if construction on the road does not start in the spring of 2013.

As you know, the County Road 595 project is strongly supported by many community leaders and is of great economic importance to the region. I continue to urge the agency to work with all stakeholders, and make a timely decision on this important project.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jeremy Hosking in my Upper Peninsula office at (906) 228-8756 or at Jeremy Hosking@stabenow.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow United States Senator